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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SAM KHE PRISON BREAK-OUT

REF VIENTIANE 1015, BANGKOK 11819

1. WE WOULD BE MOST INTERESTED IN ANY INFORMATION THAT COMES YOUR WAY FROM PERSONS WHO HAVE MANAGED TO REACH THAILAND ABOUT THE MASS BREAK-OUT APRIL 25 FROM SAM KHE PRISON. HARD FACTS ARE STILL SCARCE HERE. (FYI: WE BELIEVE IT PROBABLE THAT MORE THAN HALF OF THOSE WHO ORIGINALLY ESCAPED HAVE NOW BEEN RECAPTURED. THERE ARE PERSISTENT BUT SO FAR UNCONFIRMED REPORTS THAT MOST OR ALL OF THOSE RECAPTURED HAVE BEEN SUMMARILY EXECUTED. IN SEMINARS, VILLAGE OFFICIALS AND POLITICAL CADRE CONTINUE TO EXHORT POPULATION TO REPORT ANY INFORMATION ON ESCAPEES, APPEAR AT SAM KHE TO IDENTIFY REMAINS IF THEY HAD RELATIVES CONFINED THERE, ETC.)

2. IN PARTICULAR, WE WOULD LIKE TO FIND OUT WHETHER EMBASSY'S THAI (TCN) ELECTRICIAN YIEM TAEW YOO, SUBJECT OF VIENTIANE 0625 AND 0833, WAS EVER INCARCERATED AT SAM KHE AND, IF SO, WHAT HAS BECOME OF HIM. WE BELIEVE OFFICIAL REQUEST FOR ACCESS TO ESCAPED LAO TO SEEK INFORMATION ON THIS CASE COULD LEGITIMATELY BE PRESENTED

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TO THAI AUTHORITIES. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION

OR REFUTATION OF BANGKOK PRESS REPORTS THAT THAI NATIONALS
FORMERLY EMPLOYED BY USAID/LAOS AND ACCUSED BY PATHET LAO
OF ESPIONAGE ARE OR WERE CONFINED TO SAM KHE.
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